

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Accordingly, claim 18 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitation “second network.” No new subject matter has been added. Claim 19 depends on claim 18 and is therefore now allowable.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Myer et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,615,088). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Myer et al. fail to show, teach, or suggest a master computer that adjusts one of attributes, parameters and operations in order to configure a first I/O device that is connected to a first network and wherein the master computer subsequently clones properties that include said one of attributes, parameters, and operations of the first I/O device in order to configure a second I/O device that is subsequently connected to the first network.

As best understood by Applicants, Myer et al. disclose a control system with a master controller that communicates with at least one internet appliance via a network. The master controller includes a generic configuration file for configuring internet appliances. When a new device (new internet appliance) is connected to the network, the master controller uses the generic configuration file to configure the new device. More specifically, the master controller queries the new device to get its configuration information. If the master controller does not have a generic configuration file for the new device, a new generic configuration file is obtained from the new device. However, if a generic configuration file does exist for the new device, it is compared with the configuration information obtained from the new device to verify a version number associated with the generic configuration file. If the new device has an updated version of the generic configuration file, the updated version is obtained from the new device. In this manner, the most recent version of the generic configuration file is stored in the master controller.

Applicants can find no mention of a master computer that adjusts one of attributes, parameters and operations in order to configure a first I/O device that is connected to a first network and wherein the master computer subsequently clones properties that include said one of attributes, parameters, and operations of the first I/O device in order to configure a second I/O device that is subsequently connected to the first network. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 is allowable for at least similar reasons as claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9 and 11-20 each ultimately depend on claims 1 and 10, respectively and allowable for at least similar reasons.

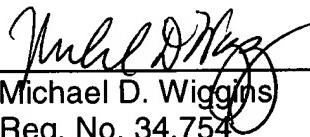
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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